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SUBJ.: SC MEETING ON ME: PROPOSAL TO RESUME IN GENEVA

REF: USUN 02350

1. WE VIEW WITH SERIOUS CONCERN THE INITIATIVE TO HAVE THE RESUMED SESSION OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL ON MIDDLE EAST, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MID- JULY, MOVED TO GENEVA AS REPORTED REFTEL (RPTD TO ADDRESSEES NOT ON ORIGINAL DISTRIBUTION). CHANGE OF VENUE WOULD COST SOME DOLS 150,000 AND, ESPECIALLY COMING AFTER RECENT MEETING AWAY FROM HEAD-QUARTERS IN PANAMA, WOULD BE WIDELY REGARDED AS FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, PARTICULARLY IN US PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL OPINION. WHILE IT IS APPARENT THAT GENEVA IS A MORE AGREEABLE SITE DURING JULY, THE IDEA THAT A MAJORITY OF SC WOULD MOVE THE MEETING FOR SUCH REASON WOULD STRIKE MANY PEOPLE AS CAPRICIOUS. ALTHOUGH AT CONSULTATION MEETING JUNE 22 THIS POINT APPARENTLY WAS NOT MADE, ANY SUGGESTION THAT MEETING HAS TO BE MOVED AWAY FROM NY BECAUSE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE THERE IS IN ANY WAY NOT CONTUCLIVE TO FREE DEBATE WOULD BE ESPECIALLY RESENTED BY US.

2. FOR USUN. DEPT AGREES THAT EGYPTIANS COULD HOLD KEY TO PREVENTION OF MOVE TO GENEVA AND BELIEVES INITIAL EFFORT WITH THEM SHOULD BE MADE IN NEW YORK. MISSION SHOULD CONTACT EGYPTIANS AND TAKE POSITION THAT SINCE SC MEETING

CALLED AT THEIR INITIATIVE, US WANTED THEM TO KNOW POSITION WE HAD TAKEN IN SC CONSULTATIONS ON KENYAN PROPOSAL. YOU SHOULD THEN REVIEW OUR ARGUMENTS AGAINST CHANGE OF VENUE AND ASK THAT THESE VIEWS BE TRANSMITTED TO CAIRO. FYI IN VIEW OF UK DEMARCHE TO CAIRO (NAAS- ROTHENBERG TELECON) DEPT WISHES TO HOLD IN RESERVE POSSIBILITY OF DEMARCHE EITHER IN CAIRO OR WASHINGTON END FYI.

3. FOR VIENNA, CANBERRA. YOU SHOULD EXPRESS TO FOREIGN OFFICES GRATIFICATION OF POSITION TAKEN BY THEIR REPS AT INFORMAL MTG IN NY (REFTEL) AND OUR HOPE THAT THEY WILL

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INSTRUCT THEIR DELEGATIONS TO REITERATE SAME POSITION DURING ANY FURTHER SC CONSULTATIONS. WE UNDERSTAND NEXT INFORMAL MTG SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 28.

4. FOR NAIROBI. KENYAN PERMREP PROBABLY ACTING ON OWN INITIATIVE AND DEPT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO INFORM FOREIGN OFFICE OF US OPPOSITION TO

MOVING MEETING TO GENEVA. YOU SHOULD DRAW ON ARGUMENTS
MADE BY US REP (REFTEL) AS WELL AS POINT BY AUSTRIAN
DELEGATION THAT CHANGE OF VENUE WOULD INCONVENIENCE
SEVERAL SMALLER MEMBERS OF SC AS WELL AS NUMBER OF
NON- MEMBERS' REPS WHO INTERESTED IN SUBJECT BUT WOULD BE
UNABLE TO GO TO GENEVA.

5. OTHER ADDRESSEES AT THEIR DISCRETION ARE AUTHORIZED
TO TAKE SIMILAR LINE WHERE BELIEVED TO BE USEFUL.
FYI WE UNDERSTAND UK CONTEMPLATING APPROACHES IN PANAMA,
LIMA AND BELGRADE, POSSIBLY ALSO JAKARTA END FYI. RUSH

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